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Component with Integrated Heat-Protection

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Response and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111.

If an Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136 is required and has not been separately petitioned, please consider this Transmittal Letter as including a petition for such Extension of Time and as a further authorization to charge any fee for such Extension of Time, as may be required by 37 CFR §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. Also, please charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted, THE NATH LAW GROUP

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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 26, 2008. The three month shortened statutory period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire March 26, 2008. As such, this paper is timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.